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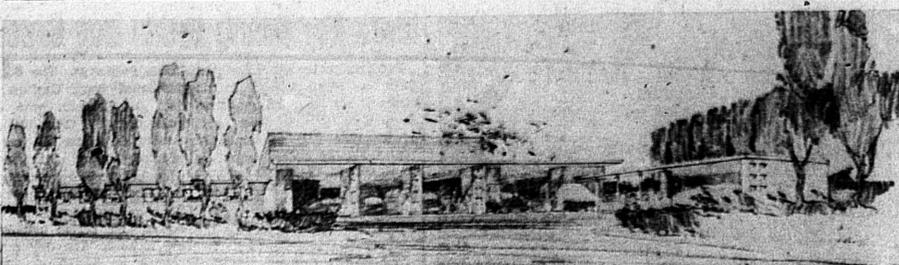
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**FIRE STATION ON BOND ISSUE . . .** Fire insurance rates in Torrance will be reduced substantially if voters approve the bond issue proposal for the new Central Fire Station, Aug. 20. Above is an artist's drawing of the proposed building.

**WILLIAM W. STOWELL**  
William W. Stowell, F 1/c, son of Mrs. Vera B. Stowell, 2316 W. 239th st., was discharged Saturday at San Pedro following a year's enlistment in the Navy, two months of which he sailed aboard the USS Wisconsin in the Pacific. A graduate of Narbonne high school, the 18-year-old seaman plans to attend college this fall.



**RECEIVES DISCHARGE**  
Herbert Don Robinson, seaman 1/c, USNR, has received his honorable discharge following service in Japan and the Southwest Pacific. A son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Robinson of 723 Columbia Court, he also joins his wife, Shirley, and their baby daughter, Diane, here.

**TORRANCE WELLS**  
Deepening of two Torrance oil wells was announced this week by the State of California, Department of Natural Resources. Redrilling of the Leasing Oil and Gas Company's local well number 22, section 23, township 4 S., range 23 W., and the O. H. Crabtree number one, in section 23, township 4 S., range 23 W., was reported.

**Directors Of Chamber Okay City Charter**

Directors of Torrance Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night unanimously endorsed the proposed City Charter, to be voted on Aug. 20, by which Torrance will gain control of the schools now a part of the Los Angeles system.

"We feel that the people of the City of Torrance should be able to maintain a separate and improved school system at far less expense than the amount of school taxes now paid to the taxpayers of Torrance," the Chamber directors declared in a statement.

The board is made up of Reed H. Parkin, president, Charles V. Jones, C. E. Bag-nall, Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, Charles Goets, Grover C. Whyte, R. I. Plomert Jr., I. Washer and C. B. Mitchell.

The board also endorsed the seven propositions on the ballot of the County Election of Aug. 6 and the charter amendment being submitted by the Board of Supervisors to the people of the county.

**Torrance Lions Club Endorses Charter Move**

Torrance Lions club Tuesday noon unanimously endorsed the City Charter movement and appointed a finance committee to assist in raising funds to defray election campaign costs.

The City Charter, to be presented to the voters on Aug. 20, provides for assumption by the people of Torrance of control of the schools of this city. They are now controlled by the Los Angeles city schools.

Dr. Rollin R. Smith, president of the club, named as a committee to assist in raising funds the following: W. B. Hickcox, Herbert C. Allen, Harry B. Lewis and Frank S. Selover, secretary of the club.

The club at its meeting Tuesday in the Civic Auditorium saw a presentation of the picture "A Pipeline Licks the Weather," exhibited by P. W. Walters, division manager of Southern California Gas Co. It showed the building of the 110-mile pipe line from the natural underground storage for gas at Goleta to Los Angeles.

Guests included James L. Lynch, vice chairman of the Torrance Charter Committee; Hal H. Howard, National Metal and Steel Corp., W. R. Sniar, Felker Manufacturing Co. and D. E. Rakle.

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**Community Meetings On School Topic**

A series of three community meetings, during which the advantage of operation of Torrance schools by the people of Torrance, as provided by the City Charter on which the people will vote Aug. 20, will be discussed, have been announced.

Arranged at the request of James L. Lynch, vice chairman of the Torrance Charter Committee, the first meeting will be held tonight in WALTERIA school under the auspices of the WALTERIA Civic Association. A hearing on the bonds also will be conducted at this meeting.

The second meeting will be held Wednesday night, July 31, at Perry school, on Prairie avenue, North Torrance.

The third meeting will be held Aug. 5 in Hollywood Bldg., at a location to be announced later. It was said.

The charter committee will present its case for the schools of Torrance, armed with factual data, figures and material developed through a long period of research and through the aid of the county superintendent of schools of office and taxpayers associations.

There will be "opposition" speakers, it is understood, but the principal part of the charter committee in the meetings will be to answer questions that the people of the outlying districts might be fully informed of the benefits of operation of Torrance schools by Torrance people.

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